deluded thus into thinking that he meant friendship, was taken unawares and thrown on the ground, where Hacket having him now at his mercy, with great savagery, bit off his nose Yet though both Freckmgton and a surgeon who chanced to be present, begged him to restore the nose so that it might be stitched on again while the wound was still green, he not only refused to part with it, but showed it exultmgly to all who cared to look , some even say that he ate it up

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The Queen herself is said to be going down to Portsmouth with the Earl of Essex, but his friends mishke the voyage, and wish that he had left it to some other in respect of the great charge it is to him to put himself forward according to his dignity, but he and his think the cost well bestowed, conceiving that the coming of the Duke of Parma maketh worthy the adventure, The Queen allows him only 100 lances and 50 harquebusiers , but there are 100 more of his own cost, and his friends have sent him bountifully, both horse and money There are great expectations for him, and if he should return with honour from his voyage, he is like to be a great man in the state, both soldiers and Puritans wholly rely on him

The ships to be set forth for the supply of Lord Thomas Howard are yet not ready, wanting manners who refuse to go upon the uncertainty who should pay them, whether the Queen or the merchants

Hacket's conspiracy is in everyone's mouths, some liking him to John of Leyden who took on himself the kingdom of the Anabaptists, and thinking that Hacket plotted some such kingdom as these prophets might have

assembled , others take them to be mere fanatics, but the enemies to the Puritans take great advantage against them, as these prophets have been great followers of their preachers and have solicited with their books and letters all those that they knew affected to their sect, especially the Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Essex, the Countess of Warwick and Mr Davidson Meanwhile the Queen is more troubled with them than it is worth